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Further information on UA 367/92 (ASA 21/18/92, 23 November 1992) - Arbitrary detention/fear of torture and new concern fear of "disappearance"

INDONESIA/EAST TIMOR:	**"Disappeared"**
	Abilio Baptista
	Afonso Maria da Cruz (note full name)
	Antonio
	Avalino Baptista
	Fernando Conceição
	Fernando de Costa (note full name)
	Francisco Gonçalves
	Henrique Guterres
	Ildefonso Soares
	Jorge Cortinal
	Mario Miranda
	Pascal Soares
	Rui Miranda
	Vitor Viegas
and new name:	**Afung Chong**
and new names:	**Arrested and possibly "disappeared"**
	Abel Fernandes
	Cipriano Mesquita
	Enrique Belmiro
	Mateus
	Vasco

The first 14 people named above are now reported to have "disappeared" after being arrested by Indonesian security forces in early November. Relatives have sought information about the detainees at military and police stations in Dili, but security force officials have denied that the 14 are in custody. Afung Chong, a motor mechanic, has also reportedly "disappeared" after being arrested on 24 or 25 November 1992. Abel Fernandes and a further four East Timorese, also arrested in mid-November, are currently believed to be detained in Dili. The exact whereabouts of these five remain unknown and there are fears that they too may have "disappeared".

The safety of all these people is a matter of urgent concern and Amnesty International is calling upon the Indonesian Government to immediately clarify their fate and whereabouts. Amnesty International also calls upon the authorities to grant International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) representatives, lawyers and relatives immediate access to all political detainees, in accordance with Indonesian and international law.

Serious human rights violations, including arbitrary arrest, torture, "disappearance" and possible extrajudicial execution have accompanied a recent crackdown by Indonesian forces in East Timor. The increased repression has coincided with the anniversary of the November 1991 Santa Cruz massacre and the capture on 20 November 1992 of Xanana Gusmão, leader of the East Timorese resistance movement (see UA 366/92, ASA 21/17/92 of 30 November 1992 and follow ups). According to reports, the crackdown has been particularly severe in Dili and Manatuto, Xanana's home district. Hundreds of people were reportedly rounded up in mid-November and dozens are thought to remain in detention, most of them held incommunicado. All political detainees are at risk of torture or ill-treatment while in custody and at least one of those arrested after Xanana's capture is feared to have died as a result of torture.

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Indonesian security forces have acknowledged the arrest of some members of Xanana's family and associates but have provided no information about, or have denied outright, the detention of others arrested prior to his capture.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters
- expressing urgent concern for the safety of Abilio Baptista and 14 others (please name each individual) believed to have "disappeared" after arrest by Indonesian security forces in early November 1992;

- calling on the authorities to clarify their fate and whereabouts immediately;

- expressing grave concern for the safety of Abel Fernandes and four others (please name them), currently detained in Dili; urgently seeking clarification of their place of detention;

- calling on the authorities to permit ICRC representatives immediate access to all political detainees in accordance with Indonesian and international law;

- to release unconditionally all those detained solely for their non-violent political beliefs or activities or for being relatives of political suspects.

APPEALS TO:

1. Brig Gen Theo Syafei
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Markas Besar KOREM 164
Dili, East Timor
Indonesia
Telegrams: Brig Gen Syafei, Dili, East Timor, Indonesia

Salutation: Dear Brig Gen Syafei

2. Maj Gen Suwardi
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Bali, Indonesia
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Salutation: Dear Maj Gen Suwardi

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Salutation: Dear General Sutrisno

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Salutation: Dear Minister Alatas

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COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO: diplomatic representatives of Indonesia/East Timor accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 15 January 1993.

— Please take action as soon as you receive this Urgent Action appeal. Carefully read the recommended actions. If possible, send a telegram, telex, fax or express letter immediately to one or more of the addresses given. Other letters can be sent afterwards.

— Telegrams and letters should be brief and courteous. Stress that your concern for human rights is not in any way politically partisan. Refer to relevant provisions in international law, such as the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Article 3 — "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."

Article 5 — "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

Article 9 — "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile."

— The name of Amnesty International may be used, although letters written in a private or personal capacity may be more effective.

— Copies of appeals should be sent to relevant diplomatic representatives in your country.

— In Urgent Actions cases, Amnesty International has to act rapidly on behalf of victims of grave human rights violations. An appeal is issued when Amnesty International believes it has received reliable and accurate information in such cases. It is not always possible to verify all details independently and in some instances the situation outlined in the appeal may change. Urgent Action participants are always notified of any significant new facts.

— Copies of any replies received from government authorities should be sent immediately to your section's Urgent Action co-ordinator or direct to the Campaign and Membership Department of the International Secretariat. If appropriate, thank the official who has replied and ask to be kept informed about the case.